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Session 1: Word List

president

n. the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

synonym: leader, CEO, chairperson

(1) **president** emeritus, (2) vice- **president** for finance

The club **president** does not have absolute power.

nation

n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

synonym: country, state, sovereign entity

(1) **nation-state**, (2) a seafaring **nation**

The **nation** of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

ceiling

n. a room's top interior surface

synonym: canopy, awning, shelter

(1) **ceiling** board, (2) **ceiling** light

There was a crack in the **ceiling** that I found.

assume

v. to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to

exhibit a specific quality or appearance

synonym : guess, presume, suppose

(1) **assume** a lousy attitude to his boss, (2) **assume** an important role

The following example **assumes** that the capacity of each battery is the same.

presidency

n. the office or term of the President of a country or organization

synonym : leadership, administration, governance

(1) **presidency** term, (2) **presidency** duties

Her candidacy for the **presidency** has been met with both support and criticism.

tremendous

adj. very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good

synonym : enormous, giant, immense

(1) **tremendous** amount, (2) **tremendous** popularity

We had a **tremendous** time yesterday.

conflict

n. a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals

synonym : clash, discord, competition

(1) the **conflict** between good and evil, (2) the longstanding **conflict**

He and I often had **conflicts**, not only in personality but also in ideology.

collapse

v. to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart

synonym : tumble, spill, bankruptcy

(1) the stock market **collapsed**, (2) ready to **collapse**

The roof finally **collapsed** after three days and three nights of heavy snowfall.

economy

n. the system by which a country or region produces, manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

synonym: finance, trade, business

(1) **economy** of scale, (2) **economy** class

The **economy** of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.

destroy

v. to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely

synonym: demolish, ruin, obliterate

(1) **destroy** the ecosystem, (2) **destroyed** evidence

The building was **destroyed** in the fire and had to be rebuilt.

infrastructure

n. the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies

synonym: foundation, framework

(1) IT **infrastructure**, (2) **infrastructure** cost

Aging societies tend to require huge costs for **infrastructure** maintenance.

dysfunction

n. a problem or fault in a system, organism, or part of the body or machine

synonym: malfunction, disorder, disfunction

(1) **dysfunction** of kidneys, (2) brain **dysfunction**

The **dysfunction** in the relationship was causing problems for both partners.

institutionalize

v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

synonym: formalize, establish, regularize

(1) **institutionalize** a system, (2) **institutionalize** customary laws

The new policy aims to **institutionalize** the use of renewable

energy sources.

enormous

adj. extremely large or great

synonym : huge, giant, gigantic

(1) **enormous** amount, (2) **enormous** potential

Shakespeare's output of poetry was **enormous**.

debt

n. something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something

synonym : liability, obligation, deficit

(1) **debt** ceiling, (2) corporate **debt**

He became in **debt** after losing his job.

bloated

adj. having an abnormally swollen or enlarged appearance, often due to an accumulation of fluid or excessive consumption of food or drink

synonym : swollen, inflated, puffed-up

(1) **bloated** budget, (2) **bloated** feeling

Her stomach was visibly **bloated** after eating a large meal.

victim

n. a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event

synonym : prey, target, sufferer

(1) **victim** support, (2) **victim** compensation

The **victim** of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

synonym : thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

exhausted

adj. extremely tired

synonym : drowsy, depleted, fatigued

(1) the **exhausted** food sources, (2) **exhausted** parents

The **exhausted** runner fell to the ground and gasped.

suffer

v. to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant

synonym: endure, undergo, tolerate

(1) **suffer** a setback, (2) **suffer** bad grades

The older man **suffers** from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.

resolve

v. to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty

synonym: decide, determine, fix

(1) **resolve** a dispute, (2) **resolve** the computer error

This company **resolves** its battery problem completely.

strength

n. the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong

synonym: resilience, power, muscles

(1) **strength** of the economy, (2) muscular **strength**

Health and **strength** are, above all, gold.

assembly

n. a group of people who have been elected, especially one that meets regularly and makes decisions or laws for a specific region or country

synonym: crowd, gathering, mass

(1) **assembly** line, (2) **assembly** hall

This company's **assembly** plant is an enormous facility.

renowned

adj. famous and respected for great achievements, qualities, etc.

synonym: noted, prominent, acclaimed

(1) a **renowned** artist, (2) **renowned** as a novelist

This area is **renowned** for its hot springs.

circuit

n. (in electrical engineering) an electrical device that provides a path for electrical current to flow; a journey or route around a particular place or area

synonym: route, course, rotation

(1) **circuit** breaker, (2) federal **circuit** courts

An intelligent battery has a voltage monitoring **circuit**.

judge

n. a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something

synonym: arbiter, justice, (verb) deduce

(1) **judge** a competition, (2) an associate **judge**

The strict **judge** ruled in favor of the plaintiff in the case.

settle

v. to reach an agreement of disagreement

synonym: inhabit, occupy, decide

(1) **settle** a dispute, (2) **settle** down in the town

I don't want to **settle** for second best.

strategy

n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.

synonym: approach, procedure, scenario

(1) military **strategy**, (2) develop a **strategy**

Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing **strategy**.

recruit

v. to persuade someone to work for a company; to find new members for an organization, the armed forces, etc.

synonym: raise, enroll, enlist

(1) **recruit** a good worker, (2) **recruit** a new hire

The colonial government **recruited** militia support when civil war broke out.

economical

adj. providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary

synonym: frugal, thrifty, parsimonious

(1) **economical** use of her time, (2) an **economical** meal

It is more **economical** to wash your plastic bottle and reuse it.

minister

n. a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department

synonym : bishop, official, ambassador

(1) **Minister** for Education, (2) deputy prime **minister**

The **minister** occasionally preaches at this church.

finance

n. the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets

synonym : banking, investment, fund

(1) **finance** act, (2) manage my **finances**

Our company decided to hire an advisor who specializes in **finance**.

relief

n. a feeling of happiness and relaxation that comes when something burdensome is removed or reduced

synonym : remedy, consolation, alleviation

(1) tax **relief**, (2) sigh of **relief**

He devoted his life to establishing a humanitarian **relief** fund.

affair

n. event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship

synonym : matter, incident, fling

(1) current **affairs**, (2) domestic **affairs**

Some critics say this exhibition will be a big **affair**.

react

v. to take action in response to something

synonym : respond, reply, oppose

(1) **react** at a high temperature, (2) **react** against his way of thinking

How did he **react** to your idea?

bilateral

adj. involving two sides or done by two parties together

synonym : two-sided, double-sided, two-faced

(1) **bilateral** talks, (2) **bilateral** symmetry

Both countries signed the **bilateral** agreement.

multilateral

adj. involving or occurring among three or more parties or nations; having multiple sides or aspects; characterized by a cooperative or consensus-building approach to problem-solving or decision-making

synonym : multiple, many-sided, polyvalent

(1) **multilateral** negotiations, (2) **multilateral** trade agreement

The project's success depended on the cooperation of all the **multilateral** parties involved.

relation

n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

synonym : association, linkage, connection

(1) **relation** between cause and effect, (2) **relation** of inclusion

The industrial **relations** laws were passed with little to no alteration.

chief

adj. most important or primary; (noun) a person who is in charge

synonym : essential, primary, leading

(1) **chief** accountant, (2) **chief** events of the year

Mining is a **chief** source of income for the country.

gender

n. the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology

synonym : sexuality

(1) **gender-blind** policies, (2) dual **gender**

Cultural norms strongly influence **gender** expectations.

participate

v. to take part in something

synonym : take part, partake, enter

(1) **participate** fully in conversation, (2) **participate** in the program

The majority of students actively **participated** in the college's

intramural sports program.

agriculture

n. the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock

synonym: farming, husbandry, agribusiness

(1) organic **agriculture**, (2) intensive **agriculture**

Agriculture is the foundation of our economy.

commerce

n. the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale

synonym: trade, transaction, dealings

(1) interstate **commerce**, (2) the local chamber of **commerce**

This company has invested heavily in Internet **commerce**.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

unprecedented

adj. never having been seen, done, or known before

synonym: novel, outstanding, unparalleled

(1) **unprecedented** boom, (2) **unprecedented** business opportunity

Unprecedented amounts of heckling and slogan-shouting took place throughout the event.

administer

v. to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something

synonym: allocate, distribute, dispense

(1) **administer** justice, (2) **administer** the funds

After the accident, three governmental bodies **administer** the company.

cabinet

n. a piece of furniture with doors, shelves, and drawers used for storage or display; a small group of senior members of a government who act as official advisers for the President or Prime Minister

synonym: cupboard, ministry, authority

(1) member of the **cabinet**, (2) the **cabinet** above the sink
The prime minister decided to reshuffle his **cabinet** to regain support.

appoint

v. to give someone a job or role, especially as a public official or member of an organization; to arrange or decide on a time or a place

synonym: designate, assign, name

(1) **appoint** members, (2) **appoint** the day
The court **appointed** a guardian for the child.

numerous

adj. amounting to a large indefinite number

synonym: many, considerable, countless

(1) **numerous** countries, (2) as **numerous** as the sand
These descriptions are based on a number of **numerous** assumptions.

administrator

n. a person or organization responsible for managing and directing the affairs of a business, institution, government agency, or other organization; someone who administers, regulates, or supervises

synonym: manager, executive, supervisor

(1) school **administrator**, (2) network **administrator**
The university's **administrator** announced new policies regarding campus safety.

government

n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state

synonym: administration, regime, state

(1) **government** bureaucracy, (2) **government** funding
The federal **government** is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

diplomat

n. a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations

synonym: envoy, ambassador, representative

(1) allied **diplomat**, (2) expel a **diplomat**

The senior **diplomat** worked tirelessly to negotiate a peace treaty between the two countries.

judiciary

n. persons who administer or enforce justice

synonym: tribunal, bench, court

(1) independence of the **judiciary**, (2) member of the **judiciary**

The **judiciary** of the case was inexperienced and lacked locally educated attorneys.

peak

n. the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain

synonym: summit, vertex, apex

(1) at **peak** hour, (2) the **peak** current in the circuit

This measurement aims to reduce traffic at **peak** periods.

reconstruct

v. to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed

synonym: rebuild, revamp, reorganize

(1) **reconstruct** an image, (2) **reconstruct** the original text

They've decided to **reconstruct** a ruined castle.

pace

n. the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes

synonym: gait, rate, speed

(1) at your own **pace**, (2) the runner's **pace**

The economy is growing at a supercharged **pace**.

function

n. the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a

specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose

synonym : purpose, mapping, job

(1) **function** properly, (2) immune **function**

The brain is an incredibly complex organ that controls the body's **function**.

largely

adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree

synonym : mainly, chiefly, broadly

(1) **largely** accepted, (2) **largely** mitigate the issue

Nevada is **largely** a desert state.

cancel

v. to decide that a previously scheduled activity will not take place

synonym : abort, invalidate, annul

(1) **cancel** a class, (2) **cancel** a free subscription trial

When customers **cancel** their reservations, they lose the deposit they made.

monetary

adj. of or relating to the money in the country

synonym : financial, fiscal, economic

(1) the stance of **monetary** policy, (2) **monetary** rewards

The policy might bring more excellent **monetary** stability to the country.

develop

v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

synonym : evolve, progress, advance

(1) **develop** a strategy, (2) **develop** a skill

We must **develop** a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

peaceful

adj. not involving violence, conflict, or war

synonym: friendly, pacific, amicable

(1) **peaceful** country, (2) **peaceful** coexistence

Plutonium has limited **peaceful** applications.

inaugurate

v. to formally begin or initiate something, particularly a new project, organization, government, or system, often through an official ceremony

synonym: initiate, launch, commence

(1) **inaugurate** an enterprise, (2) **inaugurate** a new policy

The president will **inaugurate** the new embassy building next week.

reputation

n. the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors

synonym: fame, standing, esteem

(1) **reputation** risk, (2) cloud his **reputation**

She has a good **reputation** for being one of the best chefs in the city.

credible

adj. capable of being trusted or believed

synonym: reasonable, believable, plausible

(1) **credible** source, (2) a **credible** story

They didn't have any **credible** evidence of his innocence.

progression

n. the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward

synonym: advancement, development, evolution

(1) **progression** of civilization, (2) **progression** of disease

The company has made great strides in its **progression** toward sustainability.

guarantee

v. to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met

synonym: assure, promise, warrant

(1) **guarantee** a high quality, (2) **guarantee** women equality
We cannot **guarantee** enough raw material sources.

legislature

n. a body of elected or appointed representatives who make laws for a country or state

synonym: government, lawmaking group

(1) colonial **legislature**, (2) a prefectural **legislature**

The people elect **legislature** members to represent their interests and make decisions on their behalf.

decline

v. to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept

synonym: descend, drop, deny

(1) **decline** a job offer, (2) **decline** in quality

As people age, their digestive capacity also gradually **declines**.

environment

n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

synonym: atmosphere, surroundings, climate

(1) **environment** affairs, (2) chaotic **environment**

Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's **environment**.

increasingly

adv. more and more

synonym: more and more, progressively

(1) **increasingly** become common, (2) face **increasingly** complicated challenges

Our company found it **increasingly** difficult to keep up with the competition.

toxic

adj. of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous

synonym: poisonous, harmful, contaminated

(1) **toxic** molecule, (2) exposure to **toxic** chemicals

This chemical compound is a thousand-fold more **toxic**.

criticism

n. the act of analyzing, evaluating, or judging something, especially literary or artistic work, to find fault with it or to offer suggestions for improvement; the expression of disapproval or censure

synonym : critique, commentary, review

(1) **criticism** from the public, (2) harsh **criticism**

Constructive **criticism** is always helpful to help improving one's work.

predictable

adj. capable of being known, seen or declared in advance

synonym : foreseeable, expectable, likely

(1) **predictable** pattern, (2) in a **predictable** manner

The economy becomes more volatile and less **predictable**.

brave

adj. showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity

synonym : courageous, valiant, heroic

(1) **brave** soldier, (2) **brave** decision

The **brave** firefighter rescued the family from the burning building.

bold

adj. brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks

synonym : brave, courageous, fearless

(1) a **bold** design, (2) big, **bold** piano sounds

The effort to alleviate climate change needs **bold** action.

decision

n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

synonym : choice, determination, judgment

(1) **decision** authority, (2) a selfish **decision**

She was struggling to make a **decision** between two job offers.

quo

n. the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue

synonym : status, condition, state

(1) status **quo** politician, (2) **quo** warranto

The company has been successful in maintaining the status **quo**.

sub-Saharan

adj. of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert

(1) **sub-Saharan** Africa, (2) **sub-Saharan** countries

The coffee producers in **sub-Saharan** countries are at the sharp end of fluctuations in price.

breakthrough

n. a sudden, dramatic, and important discovery or development that helps to improve a situation or provide an answer to a problem

synonym : advance, progress, innovation

(1) **breakthrough** in the negotiations, (2) **breakthrough** discovery

A technique called deep learning has led to **breakthroughs** in AI.

parliament

n. a legislative body, especially the one that represents the people of a country or state

synonym : congress, assembly, legislature

(1) disband **parliament**, (2) event of a hung **parliament**

He was a member of **parliament**.

applaud

v. to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands

synonym : clap, celebrate, praise

(1) **applaud** his courage, (2) **applaud** the orchestra

I enthusiastically **applaud** my rival's achievement.

lingering

adj. continuing for a long time; persistent; remaining in a place or situation for longer than is usual or necessary; unwilling to leave

synonym : prolonged, persistent, enduring

(1) **lingering** illness, (2) **lingering** doubts

The **lingering** smell of smoke clung to his clothes even after he left the campfire.

vestige

n. a trace, mark, or evidence of something that once existed but has now disappeared or diminished

synonym : trace, remnant, relic

(1) a **vestige** of a castle wall, (2) a **vestige** of the virus

The abandoned building was a **vestige** of the city's past, with nothing left but memories.

structural

adj. associated with the way on construction or organization of anything

synonym : architectural, basic, anatomical

(1) **structural** analyses, (2) **structural** reorganization

The earthquake resulted in significant **structural** destruction.

patronage

n. the support or encouragement of a person or group, especially in the form of sponsorship or financial aid; the power or privilege of making appointments or bestowing favors, typically by a patron or patroness

synonym : sponsorship, backing, support

(1) political **patronage**, (2) corporate **patronage**

The politician relied on the **patronage** of wealthy donors to fund their campaigns.

patriarchy

n. a social system in which men hold primary power and predominate in roles of political leadership, moral authority, and control of a property

synonym : male-dominated society, male domination

(1) **patriarchy** system, (2) ancient **patriarchy**

The feminist movement aims to challenge and dismantle **patriarchy** society and promote gender equality.

misogyny

n. a dislike of, contempt for, or ingrained prejudice against women

synonym : sexism, chauvinism

(1) **misogyny** issue, (2) the **misogyny** of medieval

Christianity

His speech was filled with **misogyny** and caused widespread outrage.

competence

n. the ability to do something well or efficiently; the knowledge, skill, and ability required to perform a task or job effectively

synonym: ability, proficiency, skill

(1) **competence** evaluation, (2) proven **competence**

The company is looking for candidates with the necessary **competence** and skills.

unequal

adj. different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair

synonym: unfair, uneven, imbalanced

(1) **unequal** distribution, (2) **unequal** opportunity

The income inequality in the country is becoming increasingly **unequal**.

stereotype

n. a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense

(1) avoid **stereotype**, (2) negative **stereotypes**

Changing **stereotypes** about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.

barrier

n. a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective

synonym: border, barricade, fence

(1) cost **barrier**, (2) information **barrier**

The police placed a **barrier** across the street to halt traffic.

equity

n. the value of the shares issued by a company

synonym: fairness

(1) private **equity** firm, (2) **equity** capital market

That company is cautious when it comes to **equity**

investment.

deserve

v. to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable

synonym: merit, earn, justify

(1) **deserve** respect, (2) **deserve** this prize

The employee **deserved** the promotion for their hard work and dedication.

recognition

n. the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal

synonym: acknowledgement, identification, credit

(1) **recognition** award, (2) joint **recognition**

He was given **recognition** for his outstanding work in the field of medicine.

launch

v. to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time

synonym: start, initiate, begin

(1) **launch** a spaceship into orbit, (2) **launch** a big attack

The company is set to **launch** its new product line next month.

committed

adj. willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something

synonym: devoted, faithful, attached

(1) in a **committed** relationship, (2) strong and **committed** sales staff

Our company is strongly **committed** to meeting customers' needs.

excel

v. to be extremely good at or proficient in doing something

synonym: outdo, shine, surpass

(1) **excel** in description, (2) **excel** at communication

The company **excels** in customer service.

advance

v. to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
synonym: progress, boost, come along

(1) **advance** the technology, (2) **advance** a cooperative relationship

Scientific knowledge will **advance** significantly with the power of AI.

unabashed

adj. not embarrassed or ashamed; bold and without shame
synonym: unashamed, unembarrassed, unapologetic

(1) with **unabashed** curiosity, (2) **unabashed** honesty

He spoke with **unabashed** confidence in front of the crowd.

intentional

adj. done, made or performed with purpose and intent
synonym: deliberate, intended, preplanned

(1) **intentional** destruction of evidence, (2) an **intentional** walk

The law distinguishes between accidental and **intentional** killing.

influence

n. the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
synonym: power, leverage, effect

(1) **influence** a child's future, (2) **influence** the daily life

The former emperor had a particular **influence** even after he abdicated.

retire

v. to withdraw from one's position or occupation, especially because of age

synonym: relinquish, step down, withdraw

(1) **retire** voluntarily, (2) **retire** after four terms

After working for the company for 30 years, she decided to **retire** from her job.

laughter

n. the act or sound of laughing

synonym: laugh, chuckle, giggle

(1) **laughter** all around, (2) bring **laughter**

Some doctor says **laughter** is the best medicine.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. the local chamber of co_____ce | <i>n.</i> the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale |
| 2. the longstanding co_____ct | <i>n.</i> a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals |
| 3. a prefectural leg_____re | <i>n.</i> a body of elected or appointed representatives who make laws for a country or state |
| 4. eq____y capital market | <i>n.</i> the value of the shares issued by a company |
| 5. avoid ste_____pe | <i>n.</i> a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense |
| 6. face inc_____gly complicated challenges | <i>adv.</i> more and more |
| 7. at p__k hour | <i>n.</i> the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain |
| 8. gov_____nt bureaucracy | <i>n.</i> the group of people with authority to control a country or state |
| 9. interstate co_____ce | <i>n.</i> the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale |
| 10. re____e voluntarily | <i>v.</i> to withdraw from one's position or occupation, especially because of age |

ANSWERS: 1. commerce, 2. conflict, 3. legislature, 4. equity, 5. stereotype, 6. increasingly, 7. peak, 8. government, 9. commerce, 10. retire

11. bl____d budget *adj.* having an abnormally swollen or enlarged appearance, often due to an accumulation of fluid or excessive consumption of food or drink
12. ina_____te a new policy *v.* to formally begin or initiate something, particularly a new project, organization, government, or system, often through an official ceremony
13. unp_____ted business opportunity *adj.* never having been seen, done, or known before
14. to__c molecule *adj.* of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous
15. the mi_____ny of medieval Christianity *n.* a dislike of, contempt for, or ingrained prejudice against women
16. as___e a lousy attitude to his boss *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
17. str_____al analyses *adj.* associated with the way on construction or organization of anything
18. the ca_____t above the sink *n.* a piece of furniture with doors, shelves, and drawers used for storage or display; a small group of senior members of a government who act as official advisers for the President or Prime Minister
19. disband par_____nt *n.* a legislative body, especially the one that represents the people of a country or state

ANSWERS: 11. bloated, 12. inaugurate, 13. unprecedented, 14. toxic, 15. misogyny, 16. assume, 17. structural, 18. cabinet, 19. parliament

20. la____y mitigate the issue *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
21. a b__d design *adj.* brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks
22. adm_____er justice *v.* to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something
23. the runner's p__e *n.* the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes
24. federal ci_____t courts *n.* (in electrical engineering) an electrical device that provides a path for electrical current to flow; a journey or route around a particular place or area
25. a selfish de_____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
26. br__e decision *adj.* showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity
27. as_____ly hall *n.* a group of people who have been elected, especially one that meets regularly and makes decisions or laws for a specific region or country
28. vi___m support *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
29. corporate d__t *n.* something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something

ANSWERS: 20. largely, 21. bold, 22. administer, 23. pace, 24. circuit, 25. decision, 26. brave, 27. assembly, 28. victim, 29. debt

30. bl____d feeling *adj.* having an abnormally swollen or enlarged appearance, often due to an accumulation of fluid or excessive consumption of food or drink
31. muscular st____th *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
32. event of a hung par____nt *n.* a legislative body, especially the one that represents the people of a country or state
33. re____ed as a novelist *adj.* famous and respected for great achievements, qualities, etc.
34. ex__l at communication *v.* to be extremely good at or proficient in doing something
35. an int____al walk *adj.* done, made or performed with purpose and intent
36. inc____gly become common *adv.* more and more
37. re____t a good worker *v.* to persuade someone to work for a company; to find new members for an organization, the armed forces, etc.
38. ap____d his courage *v.* to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands
39. ready to co____se *v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
40. harsh cr____sm *n.* the act of analyzing, evaluating, or judging something, especially literary or artistic work, to find fault with it or to offer suggestions for improvement; the expression of disapproval or censure

ANSWERS: 30. bloated, 31. strength, 32. parliament, 33. renowned, 34. excel, 35. intentional, 36. increasingly, 37. recruit, 38. applaud, 39. collapse, 40. criticism

41. ca___l a class *v.* to decide that a previously scheduled activity will not take place
42. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
43. fu_____on properly *n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose
44. in a co_____ed relationship *adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
45. re___e after four terms *v.* to withdraw from one's position or occupation, especially because of age
46. school adm_____tor *n.* a person or organization responsible for managing and directing the affairs of a business, institution, government agency, or other organization; someone who administers, regulates, or supervises
47. pre_____cy term *n.* the office or term of the President of a country or organization
48. joint rec_____on *n.* the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal

ANSWERS: 41. cancel, 42. nation, 43. function, 44. committed, 45. retire, 46. administrator, 47. presidency, 48. recognition

49. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
50. proven com_____ce *n.* the ability to do something well or efficiently; the knowledge, skill, and ability required to perform a task or job effectively
51. se___e down in the town *v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement
52. ins_____ize customary laws *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
53. sub_____an Africa *adj.* of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert
54. pre_____le pattern *adj.* capable of being known, seen or declared in advance
55. with un_____ed curiosity *adj.* not embarrassed or ashamed; bold and without shame
56. la_____er all around *n.* the act or sound of laughing
57. ad_____e a cooperative relationship *v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
58. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
59. negative ste_____pes *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
60. strong and co_____ed sales staff *adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something

ANSWERS: 49. industrious, 50. competence, 51. settle, 52. institutionalize, 53. sub-Saharan, 54. predictable, 55. unabashed, 56. laughter, 57. advance, 58. relation, 59. stereotype, 60. committed

61. de_____yed evidence *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
62. rec_____ct the original text *v.* to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed
63. pe_____ul country *adj.* not involving violence, conflict, or war
64. dys_____on of kidneys *n.* a problem or fault in a system, organism, or part of the body or machine
65. pro_____on of civilization *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
66. political pa_____ge *n.* the support or encouragement of a person or group, especially in the form of sponsorship or financial aid; the power or privilege of making appointments or bestowing favors, typically by a patron or patroness
67. private eq____y firm *n.* the value of the shares issued by a company
68. su____r bad grades *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
69. eco_____al use of her time *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
70. a cr_____le story *adj.* capable of being trusted or believed
71. network adm_____tor *n.* a person or organization responsible for managing and directing the affairs of a business, institution, government agency, or other organization; someone who administers, regulates, or supervises

ANSWERS: 61. destroy, 62. reconstruct, 63. peaceful, 64. dysfunction, 65. progression, 66. patronage, 67. equity, 68. suffer, 69. economical, 70. credible, 71. administrator

72. cr____le source *adj.* capable of being trusted or believed
73. mul______ral negotiations *adj.* involving or occurring among three or more parties or nations; having multiple sides or aspects; characterized by a cooperative or consensus-building approach to problem-solving or decision-making
74. gov____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
75. intensive agr____re *n.* the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock
76. ap____t members *v.* to give someone a job or role, especially as a public official or member of an organization; to arrange or decide on a time or a place
77. pat____hy system *n.* a social system in which men hold primary power and predominate in roles of political leadership, moral authority, and control of a property
78. la___h a spaceship into orbit *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
79. status q_o politician *n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
80. re__t at a high temperature *v.* to take action in response to something
81. vice-pr____nt for finance *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

ANSWERS: 72. credible, 73. multilateral, 74. government, 75. agriculture, 76. appoint, 77. patriarchy, 78. launch, 79. quo, 80. react, 81. president

82. en____us amount *adj.* extremely large or great
83. ap____d the orchestra *v.* to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands
84. un____l opportunity *adj.* different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair
85. exposure to to__c chemicals *adj.* of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous
86. de____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
87. in____ce a child's future *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
88. deputy prime mi____er *n.* a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department
89. an eco____al meal *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
90. IT inf____ure *n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies
91. tre____us amount *adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good
92. li____ng illness *adj.* continuing for a long time; persistent; remaining in a place or situation for longer than is usual or necessary; unwilling to leave

ANSWERS: 82. enormous, 83. applaud, 84. unequal, 85. toxic, 86. decision, 87. influence, 88. minister, 89. economical, 90. infrastructure, 91. tremendous, 92. lingering

93. member of the ju_____ry *n.* persons who administer or enforce justice
94. com_____ce evaluation *n.* the ability to do something well or efficiently; the knowledge, skill, and ability required to perform a task or job effectively
95. rep_____on risk *n.* the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors
96. the ex_____ed food sources *adj.* extremely tired
97. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
98. a seafaring na___n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
99. vi___m compensation *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
100. inf_____ure cost *n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies
101. gu_____ee a high quality *v.* to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met
102. ca___l a free subscription trial *v.* to decide that a previously scheduled activity will not take place

ANSWERS: 93. judiciary, 94. competence, 95. reputation, 96. exhausted, 97. excite, 98. nation, 99. victim, 100. infrastructure, 101. guarantee, 102. cancel

103. independence of the ju_____ry *n.* persons who administer or enforce justice
104. de_____e in quality *v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
105. adm_____er the funds *v.* to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something
106. ec_____y class *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
107. bre_____ugh discovery *n.* a sudden, dramatic, and important discovery or development that helps to improve a situation or provide an answer to a problem
108. a ve_____e of a castle wall *n.* a trace, mark, or evidence of something that once existed but has now disappeared or diminished
109. allied di_____at *n.* a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations
110. mo_____ry rewards *adj.* of or relating to the money in the country
111. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

ANSWERS: 103. judiciary, 104. decline, 105. administer, 106. economy, 107. breakthrough, 108. vestige, 109. diplomat, 110. monetary, 111. relation

112. pr_____nt emeritus *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
113. the stance of mo_____ry policy *adj.* of or relating to the money in the country
114. de_____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
115. re_____t a new hire *v.* to persuade someone to work for a company; to find new members for an organization, the armed forces, etc.
116. as nu_____us as the sand *adj.* amounting to a large indefinite number
117. bre_____ugh in the negotiations *n.* a sudden, dramatic, and important discovery or development that helps to improve a situation or provide an answer to a problem
118. re_____e a dispute *v.* to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty
119. un_____l distribution *adj.* different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair
120. ju__e a competition *n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
121. big, b__d piano sounds *adj.* brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks

ANSWERS: 112. president, 113. monetary, 114. develop, 115. recruit, 116. numerous, 117. breakthrough, 118. resolve, 119. unequal, 120. judge, 121. bold

122. the stock market co____sed *v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
123. expel a di____at *n.* a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations
124. in_____ce the daily life *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
125. sigh of re____f *n.* a feeling of happiness and relaxation that comes when something burdensome is removed or reduced
126. in a pre_____le manner *adj.* capable of being known, seen or declared in advance
127. ch__f accountant *adj.* most important or primary; (noun) a person who is in charge
128. sub_____an countries *adj.* of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert
129. dual ge____r *n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology
130. d__t ceiling *n.* something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something
131. colonial leg_____re *n.* a body of elected or appointed representatives who make laws for a country or state

ANSWERS: 122. collapse, 123. diplomat, 124. influence, 125. relief, 126. predictable, 127. chief, 128. sub-Saharan, 129. gender, 130. debt, 131. legislature

132. ina_____te an enterprise *v.* to formally begin or initiate something, particularly a new project, organization, government, or system, often through an official ceremony
133. ap_____t the day *v.* to give someone a job or role, especially as a public official or member of an organization; to arrange or decide on a time or a place
134. as_____ly line *n.* a group of people who have been elected, especially one that meets regularly and makes decisions or laws for a specific region or country
135. ce_____g board *n.* a room's top interior surface
136. nu_____us countries *adj.* amounting to a large indefinite number
137. su____r a setback *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
138. organic agr_____re *n.* the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock
139. un_____ed honesty *adj.* not embarrassed or ashamed; bold and without shame
140. br__e soldier *adj.* showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity
141. at your own p__e *n.* the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes
142. cloud his rep_____on *n.* the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors

ANSWERS: 132. inaugurate, 133. appoint, 134. assembly, 135. ceiling, 136. numerous, 137. suffer, 138. agriculture, 139. unabashed, 140. brave, 141. pace, 142. reputation

143. unpre_____ted boom *adj.* never having been seen, done, or known before
144. domestic af_____rs *n.* event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship
145. de_____e a job offer *v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
146. ex_____ed parents *adj.* extremely tired
147. tax re_____f *n.* a feeling of happiness and relaxation that comes when something burdensome is removed or reduced
148. en_____us potential *adj.* extremely large or great
149. member of the ca_____t *n.* a piece of furniture with doors, shelves, and drawers used for storage or display; a small group of senior members of a government who act as official advisers for the President or Prime Minister
150. fi_____e act *n.* the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets
151. tre_____us popularity *adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good
152. gu_____ee women equality *v.* to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met

ANSWERS: 143. unprecedented, 144. affair, 145. decline, 146. exhausted, 147. relief, 148. enormous, 149. cabinet, 150. finance, 151. tremendous, 152. guarantee

153. corporate pa_____ge *n.* the support or encouragement of a person or group, especially in the form of sponsorship or financial aid; the power or privilege of making appointments or bestowing favors, typically by a patron or patroness
154. int_____al destruction of evidence *adj.* done, made or performed with purpose and intent
155. st_____th of the economy *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
156. cost ba_____r *n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective
157. mi_____ny issue *n.* a dislike of, contempt for, or ingrained prejudice against women
158. ce_____g light *n.* a room's top interior surface
159. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
160. a re_____ed artist *adj.* famous and respected for great achievements, qualities, etc.
161. mul_____ral trade agreement *adj.* involving or occurring among three or more parties or nations; having multiple sides or aspects; characterized by a cooperative or consensus-building approach to problem-solving or decision-making
162. ex_____e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

ANSWERS: 153. patronage, 154. intentional, 155. strength, 156. barrier, 157. misogyny, 158. ceiling, 159. environment, 160. renowned, 161. multilateral, 162. excite

163. immune fu____on
164. brain dys_____on
165. an associate ju__e
166. de____p a skill
167. la___h a big attack
168. rec_____ct an image
169. ge___r-blind policies
- n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose
- n.* a problem or fault in a system, organism, or part of the body or machine
- n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
- v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
- v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
- v.* to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed
- n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology

ANSWERS: 163. function, 164. dysfunction, 165. judge, 166. develop, 167. launch, 168. reconstruct, 169. gender

170. cr_____sm from the public *n.* the act of analyzing, evaluating, or judging something, especially literary or artistic work, to find fault with it or to offer suggestions for improvement; the expression of disapproval or censure
171. Mi_____er for Education *n.* a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department
172. ci_____t breaker *n.* (in electrical engineering) an electrical device that provides a path for electrical current to flow; a journey or route around a particular place or area
173. re__t against his way of thinking *v.* to take action in response to something
174. pre_____cy duties *n.* the office or term of the President of a country or organization
175. par_____te in the program *v.* to take part in something
176. ins_____ize a system *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
177. q_o warranto *n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
178. current af____rs *n.* event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship
179. ancient pat_____hy *n.* a social system in which men hold primary power and predominate in roles of political leadership, moral authority, and control of a property

ANSWERS: 170. criticism, 171. minister, 172. circuit, 173. react, 174. presidency, 175. participate, 176. institutionalize, 177. quo, 178. affair, 179. patriarchy

180. the p__k current in the circuit *n.* the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain
181. pe____ul coexistence *adj.* not involving violence, conflict, or war
182. ec____y of scale *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
183. bring la____er *n.* the act or sound of laughing
184. pro____on of disease *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
185. ind____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
186. ch__f events of the year *adj.* most important or primary; (noun) a person who is in charge
187. manage my fi____es *n.* the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets
188. develop a st____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
189. as____e an important role *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

ANSWERS: 180. peak, 181. peaceful, 182. economy, 183. laughter, 184. progression, 185. industrious, 186. chief, 187. finance, 188. strategy, 189. assume

190. li_____ng doubts *adj.* continuing for a long time; persistent; remaining in a place or situation for longer than is usual or necessary; unwilling to leave
191. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
192. ex__l in description *v.* to be extremely good at or proficient in doing something
193. str_____al reorganization *adj.* associated with the way on construction or organization of anything
194. bi_____al talks *adj.* involving two sides or done by two parties together
195. ad_____e the technology *v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
196. la_____y accepted *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
197. re_____e the computer error *v.* to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty
198. the co_____ct between good and evil *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
199. de_____e respect *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
200. bi_____al symmetry *adj.* involving two sides or done by two parties together
201. de_____y the ecosystem *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely

ANSWERS: 190. lingering, 191. environment, 192. excel, 193. structural, 194. bilateral, 195. advance, 196. largely, 197. resolve, 198. conflict, 199. deserve, 200. bilateral, 201. destroy

202. par_____te fully in conversation *v.* to take part in something
203. military st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
204. de_____e this prize *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
205. se_____e a dispute *v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement
206. rec_____on award *n.* the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal
207. a ve_____e of the virus *n.* a trace, mark, or evidence of something that once existed but has now disappeared or diminished
208. information ba_____r *n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective

ANSWERS: 202. participate, 203. strategy, 204. deserve, 205. settle, 206. recognition, 207. vestige, 208. barrier

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. This company _____ its battery problem completely.
v. to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty

2. The senior _____ worked tirelessly to negotiate a peace treaty between the two countries.
n. a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations

3. The economy is growing at a supercharged _____.
n. the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes

4. She has a good _____ for being one of the best chefs in the city.
n. the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors

5. The earthquake resulted in significant _____ destruction.
adj. associated with the way on construction or organization of anything

6. The company has made great strides in its _____ toward sustainability.
n. the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward

7. As people age, their digestive capacity also gradually _____.
v. to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept

8. Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing _____.
n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.

ANSWERS: 1. resolves, 2. diplomat, 3. pace, 4. reputation, 5. structural, 6. progression, 7. declines, 8. strategy

9. A technique called deep learning has led to _____ in AI.
- n.* a sudden, dramatic, and important discovery or development that helps to improve a situation or provide an answer to a problem
10. The abandoned building was a _____ of the city's past, with nothing left but memories.
- n.* a trace, mark, or evidence of something that once existed but has now disappeared or diminished
11. Our company decided to hire an advisor who specializes in _____.
- n.* the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets
12. _____ amounts of heckling and slogan-shouting took place throughout the event.
- adj.* never having been seen, done, or known before
13. The president will _____ the new embassy building next week.
- v.* to formally begin or initiate something, particularly a new project, organization, government, or system, often through an official ceremony
14. He was a member of _____.
- n.* a legislative body, especially the one that represents the people of a country or state
15. The _____ in the relationship was causing problems for both partners.
- n.* a problem or fault in a system, organism, or part of the body or machine
16. Our company found it _____ difficult to keep up with the competition.
- adv.* more and more

ANSWERS: 9. breakthroughs, 10. vestige, 11. finance, 12. Unprecedented, 13. inaugurate, 14. parliament, 15. dysfunction, 16. increasingly

17. Some doctor says _____ is the best medicine.
n. the act or sound of laughing
18. _____ is the foundation of our economy.
n. the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock
19. The _____ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.
n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
20. The _____ smell of smoke clung to his clothes even after he left the campfire.
adj. continuing for a long time; persistent; remaining in a place or situation for longer than is usual or necessary; unwilling to leave
21. The feminist movement aims to challenge and dismantle _____ society and promote gender equality.
n. a social system in which men hold primary power and predominate in roles of political leadership, moral authority, and control of a property
22. The _____ of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.
n. the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
23. The following example _____ that the capacity of each battery is the same.
v. to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

ANSWERS: 17. laughter, 18. Agriculture, 19. nation, 20. lingering, 21. patriarchy, 22. economy, 23. assumes

24. Changing _____ about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.
- n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
25. The former emperor had a particular _____ even after he abdicated.
- n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
26. The policy might bring more excellent _____ stability to the country.
- adj.* of or relating to the money in the country
27. The industrial _____ laws were passed with little to no alteration.
- n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
28. The effort to alleviate climate change needs _____ action.
- adj.* brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks
29. I enthusiastically _____ my rival's achievement.
- v.* to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands
30. The company is looking for candidates with the necessary _____ and skills.
- n.* the ability to do something well or efficiently; the knowledge, skill, and ability required to perform a task or job effectively
31. The club _____ does not have absolute power.
- n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

ANSWERS: 24. stereotypes, 25. influence, 26. monetary, 27. relations, 28. bold, 29. applaud, 30. competence, 31. president

32. The court _____ a guardian for the child.

- v.* to give someone a job or role, especially as a public official or member of an organization; to arrange or decide on a time or a place

33. Our company is strongly _____ to meeting customers' needs.

- adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something

34. An intelligent battery has a voltage monitoring _____.

- n.* (in electrical engineering) an electrical device that provides a path for electrical current to flow; a journey or route around a particular place or area

35. That company is cautious when it comes to _____ investment.

- n.* the value of the shares issued by a company

36. Constructive _____ is always helpful to help improving one's work.

- n.* the act of analyzing, evaluating, or judging something, especially literary or artistic work, to find fault with it or to offer suggestions for improvement; the expression of disapproval or censure

37. I don't want to _____ for second best.

- v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement

38. The law distinguishes between accidental and _____ killing.

- adj.* done, made or performed with purpose and intent

39. They didn't have any _____ evidence of his innocence.

- adj.* capable of being trusted or believed

ANSWERS: 32. appointed, 33. committed, 34. circuit, 35. equity, 36. criticism, 37. settle, 38. intentional, 39. credible

40. The _____ occasionally preaches at this church.

n. a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department

41. The university's _____ announced new policies regarding campus safety.

n. a person or organization responsible for managing and directing the affairs of a business, institution, government agency, or other organization; someone who administers, regulates, or supervises

42. We had a _____ time yesterday.

adj. very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good

43. Shakespeare's output of poetry was _____.

adj. extremely large or great

44. The strict _____ ruled in favor of the plaintiff in the case.

n. a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something

45. He and I often had _____ not only in personality but also in ideology.

n. a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals

46. Aging societies tend to require huge costs for _____ maintenance.

n. the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies

47. Her stomach was visibly _____ after eating a large meal.

adj. having an abnormally swollen or enlarged appearance, often due to an accumulation of fluid or excessive consumption of food or drink

ANSWERS: 40. minister, 41. administrator, 42. tremendous, 43. enormous, 44. judge, 45. conflicts, 46. infrastructure, 47. bloated

48. The income inequality in the country is becoming increasingly _____.
adj. different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair
49. When customers _____ their reservations, they lose the deposit they made.
v. to decide that a previously scheduled activity will not take place
50. The roof finally _____ after three days and three nights of heavy snowfall.
v. to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
51. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
52. The economy becomes more volatile and less _____.
adj. capable of being known, seen or declared in advance
53. This measurement aims to reduce traffic at _____ periods.
n. the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain
54. The company is set to _____ its new product line next month.
v. to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
55. He became in _____ after losing his job.
n. something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something
56. His speech was filled with _____ and caused widespread outrage.
n. a dislike of, contempt for, or ingrained prejudice against women

ANSWERS: 48. unequal, 49. cancel, 50. collapsed, 51. industrious, 52. predictable, 53. peak, 54. launch, 55. debt, 56. misogyny

57. We cannot _____ enough raw material sources.

- v. to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met

58. The company _____ in customer service.

- v. to be extremely good at or proficient in doing something

59. Plutonium has limited _____ applications.

- adj. not involving violence, conflict, or war

60. Scientific knowledge will _____ significantly with the power of AI.

- v. to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way

61. After the accident, three governmental bodies _____ the company.

- v. to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something

62. The company has been successful in maintaining the status ____.

- n. the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue

63. How did he _____ to your idea?

- v. to take action in response to something

64. The colonial government _____ militia support when civil war broke out.

- v. to persuade someone to work for a company; to find new members for an organization, the armed forces, etc.

65. The federal _____ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

- n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state

ANSWERS: 57. guarantee, 58. excels, 59. peaceful, 60. advance, 61. administer, 62. quo, 63. react, 64. recruited, 65. government

66. These descriptions are based on a number of _____ assumptions.

adj. amounting to a large indefinite number

67. The police placed a _____ across the street to halt traffic.

n. a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective

68. The project's success depended on the cooperation of all the _____ parties involved.

adj. involving or occurring among three or more parties or nations; having multiple sides or aspects; characterized by a cooperative or consensus-building approach to problem-solving or decision-making

69. After working for the company for 30 years, she decided to _____ from her job.

v. to withdraw from one's position or occupation, especially because of age

70. This company has invested heavily in Internet _____.

n. the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale

71. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

72. The new policy aims to _____ the use of renewable energy sources.

v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

ANSWERS: 66. numerous, 67. barrier, 68. multilateral, 69. retire, 70. commerce, 71. develop, 72. institutionalize

73. Her candidacy for the _____ has been met with both support and criticism.

n. the office or term of the President of a country or organization

74. The people elect _____ members to represent their interests and make decisions on their behalf.

n. a body of elected or appointed representatives who make laws for a country or state

75. He devoted his life to establishing a humanitarian _____ fund.

n. a feeling of happiness and relaxation that comes when something burdensome is removed or reduced

76. Mining is a _____ source of income for the country.

adj. most important or primary; (noun) a person who is in charge

77. The coffee producers in _____ countries are at the sharp end of fluctuations in price.

adj. of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert

78. This area is _____ for its hot springs.

adj. famous and respected for great achievements, qualities, etc.

79. The prime minister decided to reshuffle his _____ to regain support.

n. a piece of furniture with doors, shelves, and drawers used for storage or display; a small group of senior members of a government who act as official advisers for the President or Prime Minister

80. The _____ of the case was inexperienced and lacked locally educated attorneys.

n. persons who administer or enforce justice

ANSWERS: 73. presidency, 74. legislature, 75. relief, 76. chief, 77. sub-Saharan, 78. renowned, 79. cabinet, 80. judiciary

81. The _____ firefighter rescued the family from the burning building.

adj. showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity

82. This chemical compound is a thousand-fold more _____.

adj. of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous

83. The _____ runner fell to the ground and gasped.

adj. extremely tired

84. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.

n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

85. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.

n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

86. Cultural norms strongly influence _____ expectations.

n. the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology

87. The news of her promotion _____ her.

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

88. He spoke with _____ confidence in front of the crowd.

adj. not embarrassed or ashamed; bold and without shame

89. It is more _____ to wash your plastic bottle and reuse it.

adj. providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary

ANSWERS: 81. brave, 82. toxic, 83. exhausted, 84. environment, 85. decision, 86. gender, 87. excited, 88. unabashed, 89. economical

90. The _____ of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.

n. a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event

91. They've decided to _____ a ruined castle.

v. to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed

92. Nevada is _____ a desert state.

adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree

93. There was a crack in the _____ that I found.

n. a room's top interior surface

94. Both countries signed the _____ agreement.

adj. involving two sides or done by two parties together

95. The employee _____ the promotion for their hard work and dedication.

v. to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable

96. The older man _____ from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.

v. to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant

97. The politician relied on the _____ of wealthy donors to fund their campaigns.

n. the support or encouragement of a person or group, especially in the form of sponsorship or financial aid; the power or privilege of making appointments or bestowing favors, typically by a patron or patroness

ANSWERS: 90. victim, 91. reconstruct, 92. largely, 93. ceiling, 94. bilateral, 95. deserved, 96. suffers, 97. patronage

98. The building was _____ in the fire and had to be rebuilt.

v. to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely

99. Some critics say this exhibition will be a big _____.

n. event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship

100. This company's _____ plant is an enormous facility.

n. a group of people who have been elected, especially one that meets regularly and makes decisions or laws for a specific region or country

101. He was given _____ for his outstanding work in the field of medicine.

n. the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal

102. Health and _____ are, above all, gold.

n. the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong

103. The majority of students actively _____ in the college's intramural sports program.

v. to take part in something

104. The brain is an incredibly complex organ that controls the body's _____.

n. the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose

ANSWERS: 98. destroyed, 99. affair, 100. assembly, 101. recognition, 102. strength, 103. participated, 104. function